

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2006**

**FENTON TOWNSHIP CIVIC COMMUNITY CENTER  
12060 MANTAWAUKA DRIVE, FENTON, MICHIGAN**

Supervisor Mathis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mathis, Krug, Carmody, Brown, Gatesman, Zimmer, Attorney Cooley and  
Office Manager Broecker.

Absent: Goupil

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the 1/23/06 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Brown

Seconded: Gatesman

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Absent: Goupil

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Trustee Zimmer asked to have the minutes of the 1/9/06 regular meeting revised to indicate that the Township is responsible for monitoring the number of employees for businesses receiving tax abatements. The minutes of the 1/9/06 regular meeting stand approved as amended. The minutes of the 1/9/06 special meeting and the 1/11/06 special meeting stand approved as presented.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Motion to approve expenditures as presented.

Motion by: Carmody

Seconded: Brown

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Carmody, Brown, Gatesman, Zimmer

Nays: None

Absent: Goupil

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Public Hearing – 2006 Local Road Improvement Projects**

Supervisor Mathis opened a public hearing to gather citizen input regarding potential local road improvement projects in 2006.

Public Comment:

The following individuals addressed the board regarding potential road projects and/or improvements:

Cheryl Clark, 12177 Dalhart Drive

Caleb Hyder, 12169 Dalhart Drive (via e-mail)

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Greg Young, 12145 Dalhart Drive  
Crystal Stasik, 12133 Dalhart Drive  
Joseph Szabo, 12139 Dalhart Drive  
Jim VanDerlaan, 16202 Whitaker Road  
John Vitovsky, 15489 Whitaker Road  
Mike Smith, 15495 Whitaker Road  
Ted Goupil, 14166 Eastview Drive  
Bob Dunning, 12186 Dalhart Drive  
K.C. Baran, 5151 Harp Drive  
Tom Davis, 12168 Dalhart Drive  
David Franz, 3435 Breezepointe Court  
Joseph Dolliver, 12377 Fairbanks Road  
Debbie Schmidt, 12383 Fairbanks Road  
Glen Shock, 4450 Harp Drive  
Randy Kinne, 14216 Landings Way  
Al Campbell, 12105 Dalhart Drive  
Warren Holcomb, 4407 Harp Drive  
Dick Shelp, 5127 Harp Drive  
Sue Foland, 11421 Fairbanks Road

The road suggested for improvement included:

- Whitaker Road between Linden Road and Harp Drive
- Jennings Road between Lahring Road and Rolston Road
- Road and drainage improvements for Dalhart Drive
- Whitaker Road between Harp Drive and Owen Road
- Torrey Beach Drive
- North Road between Lahring Road and the US-23 ramp
- The intersection of Lahring and Jennings Roads
- Fairbanks Road

Trustee Brown also suggested that Ray Road between Linden and Hogan Roads and Jennings Road between Thompson and Lahring Roads, specifically the low area near the cross-culvert, should be considered for improvement. Supervisor Mathis added Jennings Road between Thompson and Ray Roads as another potential improvement project.

There was considerable discussion regarding the status of Whitaker Road between Owen Road and Harp Drive. The improvements needed to bring this road up the standard are cost-prohibitive at this time. The creation of a drainage district to resolve the drainage problems in the area may also help improve the road. This will be looked into further.

Many residents of Dalhart Drive expressed frustration over the condition of their road. It was noted that Dalhart Drive is classified as a residential street. Improvements for residential streets are typically funded by the property owners, although drainage improvements and ditching may be addressed as maintenance items rather than improvements. Supervisor Mathis suggested trying another special assessment petition.

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The information obtained at this meeting will be combined with input from the Genesee County Road Commission to come up with a list of recommended projects for 2006, which will be brought back to the board for approval at a future meeting.

**REPORTS:**

**CDBG Home Improvement Program Update**

Supervisor Mathis reminded the audience that, at a recent meeting, the Township Board allocated \$55,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds to the Genesee County Home Improvement Program to be used to assist a local family with needed home upgrades to improve living conditions for Josh, their handicapped son. CDBG funds are strictly regulated and recipients are subject to stringent income requirements. Unfortunately Josh's family did not meet those requirements and the funds cannot be used for the needed improvements as planned. Since the CDBG funds are already allocated to the Genesee County Home Improvement Program, we now want to identify other Fenton Township residents that might benefit from this program. Households that meet the income requirements will be eligible for home improvements based on HUD Section 8 Minimum Housing Quality Standards (HQS). Informational flyers will be available at the Township office and information will also be posted on the Township's website. Any interested residents can contact Genesee County Community Development Program directly at 810-257-3010. All information will be kept confidential.

Clerk Krug asked if the Township has lost control of the funds allocated to the county program. Supervisor Mathis stated that we can still direct the use of the funds if we can identify eligible home improvements in Fenton Township, however we can't withdraw the funds. Clerk Krug commented that maybe the Township should have researched these issues more thoroughly before making its decision.

Regarding the needs of Josh Knapp's family, Supervisor Mathis and Trustee Zimmer are helping to coordinate a project to construct the needed improvements for Josh's home using materials, labor and services donated by local residents, builders and professionals. An account will be set up at a local bank to accept cash donations. Builders, contractors and professionals wishing to donate time, labor and/or materials can contact either Supervisor Mathis or Trustee Zimmer. Supervisor Mathis introduced builders Dave Franz and Chris Weir, two of the four builders that have already committed to working on this project. They will help coordinate a planning committee to move the project forward. Trustee Brown suggested that the committee approach service groups like the Fenton Township Residents Association and the Fenton Township Service Club to obtain additional support.

**Water Quality Public Forum**

Supervisor Mathis reported that Genesee County will be hosting a public forum on water quality at the Flint Township Senior Center on 2/6/06. Two sessions will be held, one at 11:00 a.m. and one at 6:00 p.m. All board members are encouraged to attend.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**DNR Letter – Proposed No-Wake Ordinance on Lake Fenton**

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Supervisor Mathis reviewed a letter from the MDNR regarding the recent hearing to determine if a no-wake zone was warranted for part of Lake Fenton. The MDNR has determined that no significant conditions exist that necessitate the establishment of more restrictive controls.

**Genesee Conservation District – Big Tree Hunt Contest**

Supervisor Mathis reviewed information from the Genesee Conservation District outlining a contest to identify old, large trees in our area. Copies of the contest form are available at the Township office.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution No. 2006-03, Honoring Eagle Scout Benjamin Parker**

Supervisor Mathis reported that Benjamin Parker, a resident of the Fenton/Holly area, has attained the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 212 in Fenton. An honorary resolution has been prepared for Mr. Parker. Clerk Krug read the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-03**

*WHEREAS, Benjamin Parker has been an active member of the community through Scouting activities for several years, and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Parker has recently attained the rank of Eagle in Boy Scout Troop 212 in Fenton, earning numerous merit badges and serving his troop in a variety of leadership roles;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fenton Township Board of Trustees hereby applauds the commitment and dedication of Benjamin Parker and extends its heartiest congratulations to him on the occasion of his attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to Mr. Parker.*

Motion to adopt resolution No. 2006-03 as presented:

Motion by: Krug

Seconded: Carmody

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Carmody, Brown, Gatesman, Zimmer

Nays: None

Absent: Goupil

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

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**Agreements for 2006 Summer Tax Collection – Linden Community Schools / GISD**

Supervisor Mathis reported that Linden Schools has again requested that the Township collect 50% of their property tax millage in the summer. The Genesee Intermediate School District, by policy, will also levy 50% of their millages in the Linden School District only. Proposed agreements have been prepared for board approval. The agreements are identical to the ones approved for 2004 and 2005. The Township will collect \$2.00 per parcel from Linden Schools and \$1.00 per parcel from GISD. There was no further discussion.

Motion to approve the 2006 Summer Tax Collection Agreement between Fenton Township and the Linden Community School District as presented.

Motion by: Brown

Seconded: Zimmer

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Carmody, Brown, Gatesman, Zimmer

Nays: None

Absent: Goupil

Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2006 Summer Tax Collection Agreement between Fenton Township and the Genesee Intermediate School District as presented.

Motion by: Brown

Seconded: Gatesman

Ayes: Mathis, Krug, Carmody, Brown, Gatesman, Zimmer

Nays: None

Absent: Goupil

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

None

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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Bonnie Mathis, Supervisor

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Robert Krug, Clerk

**Minutes Posted 1/24/06**